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SUBJECT: FOOD PRICES UP SHARPLY

1. SIXTEEN PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES IN THE APRIL-JUNE QUARTER WAS HEADLINED IN TODAY'S "POST-COURIER". THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SHOWED AN OVER-ALL COST OF LIVING INCREASE OF 10 PERCENT FOR THE QUARTER.

2. FINANCE MINISTER CHAN ANNOUNCED THAT RECENT STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL INFLATION SHOULD PREVENT A SIMILAR INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES IN THE JULY-SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

3. "POST-COURIER" REPORTED STAGGERING INCREASES IN PRICES OF FOOD STAPLES IN PORT MORESBY OVER THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30. RICE WAS UP 79 PERCENT, POTATOES UP 63 PERCENT, FLOUR UP 51 PERCENT, ONE CANNED MACKERAL UP 51 PERCENT DURING THE YEAR.

4. AUTOMATIC WAGE INCREASES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
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WILL REPORTEDLY ADD DOLLARS 10 MILLION (AUSTRALIAN)

TO THE GOVERNMENTS WAGE BILL.
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